

(c) Whether any of the religious minorities in these areas had ever represented to the Government against the continuance of the common Civil Code;

(d) Whether the Government propose to introduce uniform Civil Code for all citizens;

(e) If so, the details thereof, and

(f) If not; the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANG RAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

The common civil code is in operation in the State of Goa only. The state is governed by the Portuguese civil code (Codigo Civil Portuguese).

(c). No representation from any of the religious minorities from the state has been received against the continuance of the code.

(d) and (f). No proposal for the introduction of Uniform Civil Code is under consideration of the Government. Introduction of Uniform Civil Code for all citizens will necessarily involve changes in the personal laws of minority communities. The consistent policy of the Government has been not to interfere on its own in the personal laws of the minority communities unless initiative for the change comes from such communities.

Exports to New Trading Blocks in Eastern Europe

4864. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out a strategy of exports to new trading blocks in eastern Europe;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the guidelines issued to exporters in this regard; and

(c) the items identified for exports to these countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). The Government is taking a number of steps to ensure that a new dynamism is imparted to our trade with the countries in eastern Europe. These steps include : (a) promotion of direct contacts at the commercial enterprise level (b) establishing direct contacts with new republics of the commonwealth of independent states and (c) greater emphasis is on new forms of economic cooperation like joint ventures.

(c) The items identified for exports to these countries include agricultural products, minerals and ores, chemicals and allied products, leather and leather manufactures, engineering goods etc.

Export of Natural Rubber

4865. SHRI A. CHARLES : Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether orders have been received for export of natural rubber to countries like Malaysia;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the quantity of natural rubber exported during 1991 - 92 and the quantity for which orders have been received; and

(d) the quantity of natural rubber proposed to be exported during 1992 - 93 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (b) Yes, Sir The STC has concluded contracts for export of 8,000 Metric Tonnes of RMA 5 Grade of natural rubber on f o b Cochin basis. Shipment of 6,000 Metric Tonnes of RMA 5 Grade of natural rubber is expected to be completed by 31st March, 1992. The balance quantity is expected to be shipped by April, 1992. The overall quantity which could be exported during 1992-93 would be known only after the demand supply position for the year is firmed up. It is too early to make this assessment now.

[Translation]

Exports To Germany

4866 SHRIVILAS MUTTEMWAR Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware that the changes in rules regarding packaging materials by Germany are likely to affect adversely the export to Germany,

(b) if so, whether the Government have held any talks with German Government in this regard, and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (c) The contents of the German ordinance on avoidance of packaging waste have been disseminated to Indian trade, industry and export promotion organisations.

The implications of this Ordinance are being assessed by Indian exporters to enable them to meet the new requirements.

Investment By LIC & GIC

4867 SHRIRAMTAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) The amount of payment of interest and principal made by Life Insurance Corporation and General Insurance Corporation in regard to the loans taken by states during each of the last three years, state wise, and

(b) the amount remained unutilised in housing sector advanced by the above agencies during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) It is presumed that the Question relates to re-payments made by state Governments in respect of loans taken by them from the LIC and the GIC, and interest received by the LIC and the GIC in respect of such loans. Such information is not maintained by the LIC and the GIC. State wise Total re-payments and interest received by the LIC from the states in the last three years is as under

<i>(Rs. in Crores)</i>		
<i>Year</i>	<i>Re payments</i>	<i>Interest Received</i>
1988-89	672.00	891.77
1989-90	739.63	1091.00
1990-91	649.70	1351.63

(b) In respect of loans in the housing sector by the LIC, the amount unutilised by the states in the last three years is as under -

<i>(Rs. in Crores)</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount Unutilised</i>
1988-89	0.85
1989-90	19.52
1990-91	27.64